(c) whether it is also a fact that the aim of this project is to monitor each pregnancy in the villages till the birth of the child and to provide basic maternal, child health and contraception services to the family; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The National Commission on Population (NCP) has formulated a Pilot Project for providing contraception and immunization services to the needy through Public Private Partnership in areas where the level of unmet needs for such services are very high. This Project was prepared on the basis of the field visit undertaken by the Member Secretary of the Commission to Raipur District of Chhattisgarh and after detailed discussions held with the concerned State officials and within the Planning Commission. The project initially aimed at monitoring pregnancies and providing maternity services also. However, in view of the costs involved, its scope was subsequently limited to contraception services and immunization of children only. The Project Proposal formulated by the NCP has been forwarded to the Department of Family Welfare for wider consultation and discussion before being taken up for implementation.

Incentives for investment in industrial sector

1071. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of the country granted special incentive towards attracting investment in the industrial sector showing location-wise details of the incentive granted by Government, its duration and conditionalties put; and

(b) the special packages declared from PMO in favour of these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) The Govt. of India has undertaken certain measures to promote industrialization of remote hilly and backward areas of the country, Presently, following States/ Areas are eligible for these incentives.

North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh.

The location-wise details of these incentives, duration and conditionalities are given in Office Memorandums, issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, placed in the Annexure. [*See Appendix* 200, *Annexure No.* 7]

In addition, for attracting investments the Government announced a "Growth Centre Scheme" in June 1998. Under this scheme, 71 growth centres are proposed to be developed. The list of approved/being implemented growth centres is given in the Annexure. [*See Appendix* 200. *Annexure No.* 7]

Further, notified industrially backward districts are *inter alia* eligible for incentives under Section 80IB of Income Tax Act, 1961.

(b) It may be mentioned that the Prime Minister's Office does not declare special packages. As a follow-up to the statements made by the Hon'ble PM at Guwahati on October 27, 1996 a New Industrial Policy and other concession in the North-Eastern Region was issued by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion on 24.12.1997. Similarly, the State of Uttaranchal and State of Himachal Pradesh were considered for incentives/concessions based on Prime Minister's announcement during his visit to Uttaranchal from 29th—31st March 2002. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion issued the scheme of incentives/ concessions for these two States on 7.1.2003.

Damage of roads due to overladen vehicles

1072. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether overloading of commercial vehicles causes premature wear and tear to the road surface, apart from causing accidents;

(b) whether the Centre have prevailed upon the State to enforce laws stringently and penalize carriers found to be overladen; and

(c) whether Government would consider withdrawal of the discretionary powers vested with the States to legalise overloading of commercial vehicles?